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Re: MURs 5262 and 5266

Dear Ms Smith:

This is the initial response of the Tim Ryan for Congress Committee ("the Committee") and Julie A. Stitzel, Treasurer (referred to collectively as "Respondents"), to two complaints filed with the Federal Election Commission. Enclosed are Designations of Counsel for both matters under review. As I mentioned to you in our phone conversation on Friday, I have only recently been retained to represent Respondents in these matters and am still waiting on some documentation related to the matters raised in the complaints. As a result, I will supplement this response in the near future.

Both complaints raised questions about a loan taken out by Respondents related to the Congressional campaign of Mr. Ryan. The loan and the issues raised will be addressed more fully in the supplemental response.

MUR 5266 raised two additional issues, neither of which merits any further action by the Commission. The complaint questions a \$2,500 contribution received by the Committee on April 11, 2002, from the Mahoning County Democratic Party. The complaint makes numerous allegations regarding this contribution, none of which are documented in any of the materials submitted with the complaint. In any event, the Committee returned the contribution in full, and the refund will be reflected on its next report.

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The second issue involves an office for the Committee in Warren and implies that no rent has been paid. In fact, at the time the Committee filed its pre-election report covering through April 17, 2002, the Committee had been in the space for less than a month and had not yet made any rent or overhead expense payments related to the space. Since that time, the Committee has paid appropriate rent and overhead expenses for this space and these payments will be reflected on the next report filed with the Commission.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith L. Corley", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Judith L. Corley
Counsel to Respondents

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

Please use one form for each respondent

MUR 5262

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

Julie A. Stitzel

Print Name

6/11/02
Date

Julie A. Stitzel
Signature

Treasurer
Title

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Tim Ryan for Congress

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